

Appendix A

Community Right to Bid Assessment - Barrington School Site			
Item	Community Right to Bid criteria	Detail	Fits Criteria Y/N
Nominating body	Does the nominating body fit the definition of a 'Community Interest Group'?	Barrington Parish Council	Yes
Area of interest	Does the nominating body have a 'local connection'?	Barrington Parish Council	Yes
Use in recent past	Does the current use of the property or its use in the 'recent past' (ie. the past 5 years) further the social wellbeing and interests of the local community?	The building has been in use as a school since 1848, until recently maintained by Somerset County Council but closed at the end of August 2015. The school contributed to social well-being in Barrington through home-school links and wider community engagement. Children attending the school learned about their local environment and fostered links with the older generation. Pupils from the school joined the Barrington Players (community arts & drama) for example, and there were regular links between the school and parish church.	Yes
Proposed future use	Does the proposed continued use (or in the next 5 years) further the social wellbeing and interests of the local community?	A public meeting was held earlier this year prior to the nomination around 50 people attended. Different ideas have been generated, including a café / shop and / or artisan workshops, which would help continue to offer a range of social benefits to the local community. The proposals have taken / will take into account the presence of the existing village hall and the potential for links with Barrington Court.	Yes
Conclusion	Barrington school offered a wide range of social benefits and contributes to local well-being through its primary function and over and above any ancillary use of the premises by the community (e.g. for fundraising events). This developed over generations, resulting in a shared history between school and community. The home-school and school-church links, family support, informal networks and friendships, inter-generational projects and wider community engagement for over 150 years from this site in Barrington has created a community asset. It is reasonable to think a viable alternative use could be formed as a community led enterprise – similar projects have proved themselves and (for example) the village is without a shop. This nomination meets the criteria required and therefore should be added to SSDC's register of assets of community value. Consultation with the ward member & Area Chairman either supported or raised no objections to this conclusion.		
Decision	The former Barrington school site, Barrington is to be added to SSDC's list of assets of community value.		
Officer and date	Charlotte Jones - Area Development Manager (North) 9 th September 2015		